

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 01333 030011Z

ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 EB-07 ISO-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07
JUSE-00 NSAE-00 SNM-02 TRSE-00 USIA-15 NSC-05
OES-07 OMB-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-09 EUR-12 NEA-10
AGRE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 L-03 PA-02 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 /138 W

-----030532Z 100809 /14

R 022304Z MAY 77

FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3406

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

UNCLAS USUN 1333

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, SGEN, EGEN

SUBJECT: 62D ECOSOC--NARCOTICS, ITEM 13

1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 2 THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE BEGAN ITS CONSIDERATION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND HEARD STATEMENTS FROM CANADA, ARGENTINA, MEXICO, MALAYSIA, TURKEY, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, FRG, BULGARIA, AUSTRIA, UK AND US. MOST SPEAKERS POINTED TO OVER-PRODUCTION OF OPIATES AS THE HEART OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM, AND CALLED FOR STRINGENT MEASURES TO RESTRICT POPPY CULTIVATION. THREE DELEGATIONS, MEXICO, CANADA, AND TURKEY, CRITICIZED POSSIBLE US CULTIVATION OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM AS HAVING SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES, AND OPINED THAT SUCH CULTIVATION WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH PAST US INITIATIVES AND POSITIONS IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. MOST OF THE STATEMENTS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND MANY ALSO WELCOMED CANADIAN-SPONSORED DRAFT RESOLUTION L.729. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CANADIAN DELEGATE OPENED DEBATE ON ITEM 13 BY EMPHASIZING HIS COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTIONS
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USUN N 01333 030011Z

OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND). HE CRITIZED THE FACT THAT THE ACABQ HAD FAILED TO PASS A NEW BUDGET FOR UN EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND INSISTED THAT THE CPC AND ACABQ TAKE THE "APPROPRIATE MEASURES" TO CARRY OUT UN OBLIGATIONS IN THAT FIELD. THE DELEGATE IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEM OF OVERSUPPLY OF OPIATES AS AN ISSUE OF "IMMEDIATE CONCERN," BUT ALSO

ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO FIND REPLACEMENTS FOR THE POPPY CROP. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO US CONSIDERATION OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM CULTIVATION AND WARNED THAT IT WOULD CONSTITUTE A "BAD EXAMPLE" TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE DELEGATE INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION L. 729 WHICH HE SAID WOULD ENCOURAGE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION ON THE CULTIVATION ISSUE.

3. THE MEXICAN DELEGATE DELIVERED A LENGTHY STATEMENT IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED THE REDUCTION OF BOTH ILLICIT DEMAND AND OVER-SUPPLY WERE CRUCIAL TO ANY SOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM. THE DELEGATE URGED THAT THE UN HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FIND ALTERNATIVE CROPS SO THAT THEY CAN FULFILL THEIR TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN THE DRUG FIELD. HE EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN" THAT A COUNTRY SUCH AS THE US WHICH HAS TRIED TO FIND FORMULAS TO LIMIT SUPPLY, IS CONSIDERING "CHANGING ITS IMAGE AND NOT TAKING RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION INTO ACCOUNT." THE MEXICAN INTERVENTION ALSO GAVE STRONG SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION I, II, III AND IV OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS.

4. THE DELEGATES OF TURKEY REFERRED TO A "CAREFUL BALANCE" BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR LEGITIMATE OPIATES, AND OPINED THAT US CULTIVATION OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM WOULD CAUSE A "WORLD-WIDE OVER-SUPPLY" AND WOULD HAVE "FAR-REACHING" EFFECT ON ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. THE DELEGATE MENTIONED ALLEGED "CLANDESTINE LABS IN THE US" WHICH COULD EASILY CONVERT PAPAVER UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 USUN N 01333 030011Z

BRACTEATUM INTO A DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE. HE SAID THAT

PAPAVER BRACTEATUM CULTIVATION WOULD "SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE US IMAGE IN THE DRUG CONTROL FIELD," AND ASKED HOW OTHER COUNTRIES COULD CONVINCE THEIR CITIZENS TO REDUCE POPPY CULTIVATION WHEN A WEALTHY COUNTRY BEGINS CULTIVATION FOR "PURELY COMMERCIAL REASONS".

5. THE DELEGATES OF THE FRG, AUSTRIA, ARGENTINA, BULGARIA, MALAYSIA, NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND, AND UK ALSO ADDRESSED THIS ITEM. ALL SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND MOST GAVE THEIR INITIAL APPROVAL TO DRAFT RESOLUTION L. 729.

6. THE FRG STRESSED THE NEED FOR CONTINUED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO HALT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER THE CANADIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE GENERAL APPROACH TO THE OVERPRODUCTION ISSUE. THE NOR-

WEGIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT THE ONLY LASTING SOLUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM WAS REDUCTION IN SUPPLY AND URGED THAT ALL EFFORTS BE FOCUSSED ON THAT GOAL. HE CALLED FOR A HALT IN POPPY CULTIVATION BUT STRESSED THAT FARMERS MUST BE SUPPLIED WITH ALTERNATIVE CROPS. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROJECTS TO FIND SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES BE APPROACHED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND FOCUS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. THE DELEGATE OF NEW ZEALAND ALSO SUPPORTED AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS SUGGERED BY FARMERS PREVIOUSLY DEPENDENT ON THE POPPY CROP. HE APPLAUDED RESOLUTION L.729 AND WARNED THAT ANY INITIATIVE TO INCREASE CULTIVATION WOULD HAVE "SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS". THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATE EMPHASIZED THE GRAVITY OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HER COUNTRY AND UNDERLINED ANTI-SMUGGLING EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN TO ISOLATE THE "GOLDEN TRIANGLE".
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 USUN N 01333 030011Z

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIA CHARACTERIZED DRUG ABUSE AS A SOCIAL PROBLEM FROM WHICH HIS COUNTRY DID NOT SUFFER, BUT PLEDGED BULGARIA'S SUPPORT FOR ANTI-TRAFFICKING MEASURES.
LEONARD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NARCOTICS, DRUG CONTROL, COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977USUNN01333
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770154-0023
Format: TEL
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197705102/aaaadkkq.tel
Line Count: 144
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 19d95087-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2324954
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: 62D ECOSOC--NARCOTICS, ITEM 13
TAGS: SNAR, SGEN, EGEN, ECOSOC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/19d95087-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009